3,500 Attend 148th Commencement

Nearly 3,500 people filled the heart of the Quadrangle May 26 as Trinity College graduated 385 seniors and awarded 111 master degrees.

Held outdoors under threatening skies, the 148th Commencement was wet by light and intermittent rain, and by a brief shower which opened up as soon as the exercises were over.

For the first time, the exercises were held facing the statue of Bishop Browne, rather than facing Northham Towers. Honorary degrees were awarded to seven people. (Story on Page 2.)

The graduating class included 237 men and 148 women. Of the graduates, 306 received bachelor of arts degrees and 79 received bachelor of science degrees. Valedictorian was Joan L. Davies of Blair Road, Oyster Bay, N. Y., a mathematics major, who also received honors in general scholarship and mathematics. Miss Davies was the first woman valedictorian at Trinity.

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"It was good," Carolyn says, "in four years I only rarely missed a class. Most of the teachers came out to see me, too, so that I wasn’t just a gray box by the wall. I must have met 95 percent of my teachers, and the rest of them at least called me.”

"That kind of contact was important," she says, "because it’s hard to know how

She went to Trinity Over the Phone

Carolyn Cartland of 32 Stoner Drive, West Hartford, who was graduated this year from Trinity, earned her degree in a singular way— over the telephone.

In fact, when she received her diploma on commencement day, it was— at the very most— her twelfth visit to the Trinity campus during her four years as an undergraduate.

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HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS: From left, The Rev. Robert Ray Parks, Dr. Irving S. Cooper, Edward Albee, Emily Dickinson Townsend Vermeule, George W.B. Starkey, chairman of the board; President Lockwood; Dr. John Hope Franklin, Robert H. Krieble, and Edward B. Bates.

For 20 years, he has served on the editorial board of the Journal of Negro History.

Edward Albee, Pulitzer-prize-winning playwright, Edward B. Bates, CLU, president and chief executive officer of Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company; Dr. Irving S. Cooper, an internationally respected neurosurgeon; Dr. John Hope Franklin, a prominent historian at the University of Chicago; Dr. Robert H. Krieble, president of the Locotie Corporation of Newington; the Rev. Robert W. Parks, president of Trinity Church, New York; and Dr. Emily Dickinson Townsend Vermeule, professor of classical philology at Harvard.

They received the honorary degrees during the afternoon commencement exercises for the College's 151st academic year. Dr. Parks delivered the traditional Baccalauraeutic address at 10 in the morning.

EDWARD FRANKLIN ALBEE

Albee, a 1947 graduate, received a Doctor of Letters degree (Litt.D.). He began writing plays in 1957, at the age of 29. It did not take long for the theater-going world to recognize his talents, and by 1963 he was featured on the front cover of Newsweek. The Pulitzer Prize was awarded to Albee in 1967 for his play, "A Delicate Balance," and he has received numerous other awards and prizes.

Albee entered Trinity College in 1946 as a member of the Class of 1949. He was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford University, and in his sophomore year, wrote his first play, in order of composition, are: "The Zoo Story": "The Death of Bessie Smith;" "The Sandbox;" "The American Dream;" "A Delicate Balance"; "Box and Quotations" from T.S. Eliot; "All Over" and "Seascape."

EDWARD BRILL BATES, CLU

Bates received a Doctor of Laws degree (LL.D.). A native of Lexington, Mo., he was graduated from the United States Military Academy and received an A.B. degree from the University of Chicago in 1940. During World War II, he was a commander in the Air Force, reaching the rank of major.

In 1946 Bates joined one of Connecticut Mutual's agencies in Chicago, and in a short time was made agency supervisor. In 1949 he was appointed general agent for the company at Kansas City, and during his four years there, sales through the agency more than doubled.

In 1953 he was transferred to head a larger agency at Los Angeles. Within five years that agency had moved from 30th to third place among the company's agency offices, and sales had nearly quadrupled. The agency won the coveted President's Organization Trophy each year in 1956, 1957 and 1958.

In 1960 Bates became Second Vice President of the agency in Hartford, and was elected Vice President in 1961. He was elected Executive Vice President and Director in 1962, President in 1967, and designated Chief Executive Officer in 1972.

He is a director of the Connecticut Bank and Trust Company, the Hartford Courant, Heublein, Inc., Stanley Works, and the First Connecticut Bank.

In addition, he is a director of Hartford Hospital, a trustee of the American Museum of Natural History, an overseer of the Amos Tuck School of Business Administration, vice chairman of the Greater Hartford Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Insurance Association of Connecticut, and a director of the Connecticut Business and Industry Association.

IRVING SPENCER COOPER, M.D.

Dr. Cooper, who received a Doctor of Science degree (Sc.D.), is director of the department of neurosurgery at St. Barnabas Hospital in New York, and research professor of neuroanatomy at New York Medical College.

He has written or co-authored more than 175 articles in professional journals in the U.S. and abroad, and his most recent book, "The Victim is Always the Same," was published last year by Harper and Row.

Especially concerned with aspects of Parkinson's disease (a nervous disorder marked by rigidity of the muscles), Dr. Cooper is currently developing a pacemaker for the brain. An earlier book, "Parkinsonism, A Handbook for Patients and their families," was published in 1966.

Recipient of nearly 30 awards from institutions around the world, Dr. Cooper was listed by Life Magazine in 1962 as one of the 100 most important young men in the United States, was listed by New York Magazine in 1973 as one of the 100 greatest people in New York, and again in 1974 as one of the world's six greatest doctors.

In 1972 Cooper was also elected to the National Board of Governors of Hartford's Institute of Living. He is a member of 37 professional and social organizations. His son, Douglas P. Cooper, was graduated from Trinity in 1975.

Dr. Cooper holds A.B. and M.D. degrees from George Washington University, and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Minnesota. He served an internship in the U.S. Naval Hospital, 1945-46, and was a Lieutenant, J.G., in the U.S. Naval Reserve, 1946-48.

JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN

Dr. Franklin, who received the Doctor of Letters degree (Litt.D.), is John Matthews Manley Distinguished Service Professor of History at the University of Chicago, and former chairman of the department of history. He is also a fellow of the university's Center for Policy Study.

He is author or editor of a number of books, including the text, "Land of the Free," which he co-authored with John Caghey and Ernest May. "The Negro in the Twentieth Century," which he co-edited, was published in 1967.

He is also general editor of the University of Chicago Press series of Negro American Biographies and Autobiographies, and has contributed articles to leading journals in the United States and in Europe.
Commencement

N.H. Mrs. Eckels received a Bachelor of Arts in American Studies and Mr. Eckels a Bachelor of Science in psychology.

Of the 385 seniors who were graduated, 114 were from Connecticut and 56 from Greater Hartford. The remainder of the class represented 27 states, plus the District of Columbia and five foreign countries.

Master of Arts degrees went to 104 candidates and Master of Science degrees were awarded to seven. There were 67 men and 44 women in the class, six of whom were Trinity alumni.

In his remarks to the seniors, President Lockwood said, "history serves to remind us that the thoughts and assumptions of an age persist long after the other hallmarks lose their significance. We do not recall the Greek inventions, although we made some; rather, we remember Socrates and his views on life."

"It is a vision of the dignity of the individual we are ready to defend," he said. "It is how we define human greatness that will distinguish how we think." Undergraduate education, Dr. Lockwood said, "helps us grasp what it means to be a human being. Over a lifetime we may recast our ideas many times about many things, but our starting place is most likely to be what we pondered as undergraduates, those values to which we attached importance and meaning."

The commencement weekend activities also included a reception for seniors, parents and guests on Saturday afternoon, and a pops concert by the Hartford Symphony, conducted by Arthur Winograd, that evening in the Fenn Center.

Enders and Campbell Retire

From Board; Geiger Elected

Two people have retired from the board of trustees of Trinity College and a third has been elected by alumni to serve a six-year term on the board.

Ostrom Enders, of Avon, retired chairman of the board of the Hartford National Bank and Trust Co., and a Charter Trustee of the College, is retiring after 18 years on the board. Hugh S. Campbell of Wethersfield, a member of the class of 1932 and a consultant for the law firm of Murtha, Cullins, Richter and Pinney, is completing a six-year term as alumni trustee.

The newly elected alumni trustee is Jay E. Geiger of Media, Pa., a 1950 graduate of Trinity and regional manager of Farr-Mann & Co., international food brokers.

Enders, who has served on the board of trustees since 1956, is a native of West Hartford, and joined the United States Security Trust Company in 1926. This bank eventually merged with the Hartford-Aetna National Bank to become the Hartford National Bank and Trust Co.

Enders became first vice president in 1945, president in 1947 and chairman in 1960.

A graduate of Yale University, Enders has served on the boards of many business and civic organizations.

Campbell, who is retired senior vice president and counsel of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Co., is completing his second term as an elected alumni trustee. Prior to his current term, which began in 1968, Campbell served on the board for a three-year term, 1953-56.

He joined the insurance company in 1933 and has served on many professional and civic organizations. As an alumnus, he has served on the executive committee of the alumni association, is past vice president of the Hartford alumni association, served on scholarship and interviewing committees, and was recipient of the Alumni Medal in 1957.

Geiger, who earned an M.B.A. degree from Harvard Business School in 1952, has been employed in international sales and food brokerages since 1955. As an alumnus of Trinity, he has served as class agent, secretary of the Philadelphia alumni association, admissions interviewer, executive of the national association and received a 150th anniversary award from the college in 1973.

President Lockwood said "Trinity is grateful to Ostrom Enders for his many years of extraordinary service and, in particular, for his concern for the academic programs and the Library. The College is grateful to Hugh Campbell as well, for his service on the finance committee and for the helpful advice he has given us as a lawyer. I am also pleased to welcome Jay Geiger to the board, because of his past interest in alumni affairs."

There are three categories of active trustees at Trinity: charter trustees, who serve until retirement age; term trustees, who are elected for seven year terms, and alumni trustees, of which there are six. Alumni elect one new trustee each year on a rotating basis.

24-Hour Relay

Her reflection running with her along the track at Jessee Field, Mihae Yu, a junior exchange student from Smith College, carries the student baton in the second annual 24-hour relay race May 22-23 pitting a faculty team of runners against a student team. Members of each team run a mile (four times around the track) in relays, and the object is to accumulate the most number of miles in a 24-hour period, no stopping allowed. Last year's race was rained out before the finish (the students were ahead), and this year the team of six students finished with 170 and 9/16 miles to the four faculty's 161 and 11/16 miles. The 80-pound Miss Yu, who comes from Seoul, Korea, is running barefoot on the wet track because of blisters.
IMMORTALS – This group, representing the Class of 1919, were among the 125 Immortals and guests who attended the annual Immortals Dinner May 24 at the Hartford Club. ’19, celebrating their 55th reunion, was the class with the largest percentage of participation this year. From rear left are Edward Armstrong, Vincent Potter, Mrs. Samuel Traub, Mr. Traub, Irving Partridge, Harmon Barber, Ben Silverberg, Clarence Tucka and Henry Valentine. Mrs. Partridge holds the sign. To her right is Mrs. Valentine.

Carolyn Cartland with conference telephone in her home

Phi Beta Kappa

Twenty-two students, most of them graduating seniors, were recently inducted into Beta of Connecticut, Trinity’s chapter of Phi Beta Kappa and the eighth oldest chapter in the United States. In the picture above are (seated, from left) Elizabeth Endicott, Elizabeth Santos, Ann Couvery and June Vaith. Standing, from left: Stephen Potz, Chester Bukowski, Richard Shutran, Charles Levine ’75, Peter Barrett and James Larrabee. In photo below are (seated, from left) Cathy C. Young, Lise J. Gescheidt and Amy C. Golbert. Standing, from left: Deborah T. Goldreyer, Joyce A. Habb, Eric J. Werner, Maurice R. Landry, David J. Litman, William V. Milka, Matthew M. O’Connell, Stephen L. Newman and Carla A. Johnson.

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you’re supposed to participate in class—especially if you’re not there! The professors encouraged me to take part and not just be a passive listener. A few times they even held the classes out here in my house.”

Carolyn was wheeled up a special ramp to the Commencement platform, where she received her bachelor’s degree amid applause from her classmates and the audience.

When she was seven years old, Carolyn was stricken with dermatomyositis, a rare skin and muscle disease which causes severe muscle contractions. She has been getting treatment—including daily physical therapy from her father, a physician—to overcome the crippling effects of the disease. Over the years, she has been getting stronger.

“Four years ago I wasn’t strong enough to have tried attending classes, and even now it would be tiring,” she says, “so the intercom system made a lot of sense. Besides, Trinity has a lot of old buildings which aren’t designed for handicapped people, and I just couldn’t have gotten around.”

“I’ve been on campus only ten or eleven times,” she says, “and only twice to an actual class. I’ve come to a basketball game, a play, and to some films on campus.”

“I think the thing you miss most doing things this way is the personal contact with other students, but that’s probably true of most people who don’t live on campus. I have made some friends at Trinity, and I am still close to my high school friends.”

The system was not without its problems. “Occasionally the phone wouldn’t work, and they couldn’t hear me in the class. There was something about the wiring in one of Trinity’s oldest buildings so that once in a while police calls and a pop radio station would come blasting out of my intercom.”

“One time in high school I was giving an oral report when the class period ended. Since it’s a one-way system, they couldn’t interrupt me or tell me to stop. All they could do was disconnect the phone, carry it to the next class and hook it up again. I was still talking, and the teacher, who was a friend of mine, just broke up over it.”

Carolyn’s mother, Mrs. John E. Cartland Jr., said the college had been “so helpful” about the intercom system.

“When Carolyn was admitted to Trinity, it was with the understanding that she would have to use the conference telephone, and the college was willing to try it because of the success they’d had a few years before with a blind student who used a guide dog to get around campus.”

“The faculty decided that if they were going to do this, they were going to do it right, and they certainly did. In a way, Carolyn’s had a hand-picked faculty, because the ones who worked with her were people who really wanted to help. We can’t emphasize strongly enough how appreciative we all are for what Trinity offered. Their cooperation in every aspect was outstanding.”

“We hope what Carolyn was able to accomplish will encourage other handicapped students to pursue further education,” Mrs. Cartland said.

Part of the cost of the intercom system was paid by a grant from the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services of the Connecticut Department of Education. A state grant also helped pay the student who carried Carolyn’s books and assignments back and forth from the campus to her home. Robbins Window, dean for educational services at Trinity, coordinated the use of the intercom, arranged classroom space, and consulted with teachers.

“It worked very well,” Carolyn says. “In four years there was only one course I wanted to take that I couldn’t. That was an art history course that had a lot of visual materials shown in class.”

Dr. Robert P. Waterman, professor of modern languages at Trinity, was one of the teachers who would take his classes out to Carolyn’s house at the beginning of each semester so the other students could get to know her. “She had an astounding effect on the other members of the class,” he said. “She brought them together in a special way—just through that microphone. She was just marvelous.”

A comparative literature major, Carolyn says she hasn’t thought much about her career—“maybe teaching, or journalism, or counseling,” she says. Right now she’s going to keep on with her education, starting work next fall on a master’s degree in English at Trinity.

Dr. Haroutune M. Dadourian, Seabury Professor of Mathematics emeritus, died suddenly June 1. He was 85. A complete obituary will be published in the next issue of the Reporter.